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BLACKOUT



Ladies from the Eastern basketball team hashtagged their support for the football players at the blackout game against Montana State on Nov. 9.

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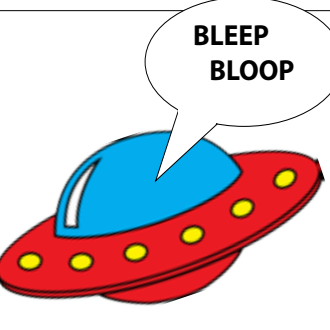
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EWU beats Bobcat rivals

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The No. 3 ranked Eastern Eagles held off the No. 4 ranked Montana State Bobcats in a 54-29 victory to remain undefeated in the Big Sky Conference.

Both teams were undefeated coming into the game, and it was close throughout the first half with the Eagles leading 26-21 at the break. Eastern did not punt once in the first half, and Eastern sophomore quarterback Vernon Adams had a nearly perfect half, throwing 10 of 11 for 130 yards and two touchdowns.

"I really felt good about the fact that

we got rolling in the first half offensively," said head coach Beau Baldwin. "I'm proud of the way the guys played."

Offensively, the Eagles put up some numbers passing and running with a total of 591 yards. Despite the cramps that sent Adams to the locker room late in the second half, he continued his string of great performances going 16 of 18 for 300 yards and four touchdowns. Adams broke the school record for most touchdown passes in a season with 39, which was previously held by 2010 quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell.

Senior quarterback Anthony Vitto checked into the game going 2 of 2,

adding a 36-yard touchdown pass to freshman receiver Cooper Kupp in the fourth quarter.

"It's so frustrating, I was so mad at myself and I need to hydrate myself better during the week," said Adams. "But it is an awesome feeling getting that win today."

Kupp had eight receptions for 110 yards and had a touchdown for his 10th straight game. Sophomore receiver Shaquille Hill added four receptions for a career best of 172 yards and three touchdowns of 76, 68 and 17 yards.

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Sci-fi illuminates morals

Professor's new book examines 'Ender's Game' philosophy

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Have you ever wondered what it might be like to have the fate of the human race hovering on your horizon like an approaching comet, stuck on a starship far from home? What if you were just a child?

EWU's Kevin Decker may have been pondering such thoughts a lot this past year as he edited, along with series editor William Erwin, a new book called "Ender's Game and Philosophy: The logic gate is down." Besides his day job as associate professor of philosophy and associate dean of the college of arts and letters, Decker has finished two brand new books on popular science fiction series, "Ender's Game" and "Doctor Who."

The other book being published is "Who is Who? The Philosophy of Doctor Who?" is an indepth philosophical examination of the 50-year-old British TV show, and comes out Nov. 26.

"Ender's Game and Philosophy," part of the "Black-

well philosophy and pop culture series," was published in advance of the star-studded movie version of the best selling novel, "Ender's Game." In it, Decker has arranged a collection of 18 essays by various authors examining Orson Scott Card's novel from a wide array of perspectives. Essay titles like "The Teachers Got Me Into This: Educational Skirmishes ... with a Pinch of Freedom," "War Games as Childs Play" and "People are Tools," indicate Decker had no problem mining the rich resource of "Ender's Game."

The 1985 novel, which spawned 13 additional novels known collectively as the "Enderverse," tells the story of Ender Wiggin, a boy groomed since birth by the military to be a future military leader, a new "Alexander the Great," in the event of another alien invasion. The previous war, decades hence, nearly destroyed humanity until the aliens suddenly vanished.



Illustration by Laura Jones

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Decker's books explore "Ender's Game" and "Doctor Who" philosophy.

Upcoming Events:

There is still time to pay tribute to a veteran. The library's display will stay up until Nov. 15 for students to write notes and leave messages.

Cognitive scientist Steven Pinker will be presenting his lecture, "A History of Violence" in the INB Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. on Nov. 14. Tickets are free from students but must be picked up in advance in Hargreaves Hall. Tickets are \$7 for the general public.

Thanksgiving is quickly approaching. Classes at EWU will be cancelled Nov. 27-29 to allow students to celebrate with family and friends.

To donate \$10 to relief efforts for the Philippines, text RED-CROSS to 90999 or Text AID to 80108 for the mGive Foundation to help with disaster relief. To contribute on campus, the Filipino American Club will take donations for the rest of the week in front of the PUB.



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# Majority of students and faculty oppose switch to semesters

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Money issues, student retention and curriculum change were the common themes of presentations made at the board of trustees town hall meeting on Nov. 8 about whether or not Eastern should switch from quarters to semesters.

Faculty members and students turned out to speak their minds on the topic. Most were against the semester system, but there were a few who preferred a switch.

Among these few was Rebecca Stolberg, department chair of Eastern's dental hygiene program.

"Speaking as a faculty member, the health profession programs are better served by semester systems because of the clinical rotation pieces, the externships [and] the time away that the host of our externships want to have those students," Stolberg said.

According to Stolberg, the communication disorders program, located at the Riverpoint campus, made the switch to semesters. The faculty working for that program did it themselves and Stolberg wants the dental hygiene program to follow in their footsteps.

Students had their say on the issue as well.

Junior Annika Browne is a disabled student who made her stance that the estimated \$8.7 million that would be used to make the switch could be used to fix accessibility problems on campus for her and other students with disabilities.

Browne spoke about how the wheelchair accessible stalls in some of the bathrooms around campus, particularly in Williamson Hall, are not accessible to students with disabilities.

"I am a student at this university and I should not have to stand up here and ask you why I am not worthy enough, why I am not equal enough to be provided with a toilet," Browne said.

Browne also mentioned that Louise Anderson Hall is not accessible by wheelchair and that the elevators in Isle and Senior Halls are not accessible enough.

In the science building, Browne said, the wheelchair accessible elevator is all the way in the back by an unused fish laboratory and when she asked faculty where it was, no one knew it even existed.

"What message does that send to students with disabilities?" she asked.

According to Browne, the disabilities support services on campus has money to fix a few things every year, but it is not enough.

She asked the board, "Can you look me in the eye and say that those reasons [for semesters] are more important than giving students an equal chance at education, and not just those who can walk up a flight of stairs?"

Dexter Calkins, a junior, spoke about the fact that there is no evidence that semesters are better than quarters and vice versa.

"To put it simply, there is no reason to change to a semester system if the goal is to have better retention and graduation rates," Calkins said. "I would like to propose a much more practical solution: build a tall fence encasing the campus. Student retention would not only increase, but would take a much more literal meaning."

He based his presentation around Eastern's values of quality, access and inclusiveness and the fact that the change would negatively affect teaching on campus for an estimated three years.

Calkins held a booth in the PUB on Nov. 6 where, in 45 minutes, he gathered 80 signatures of students who preferred quarters.

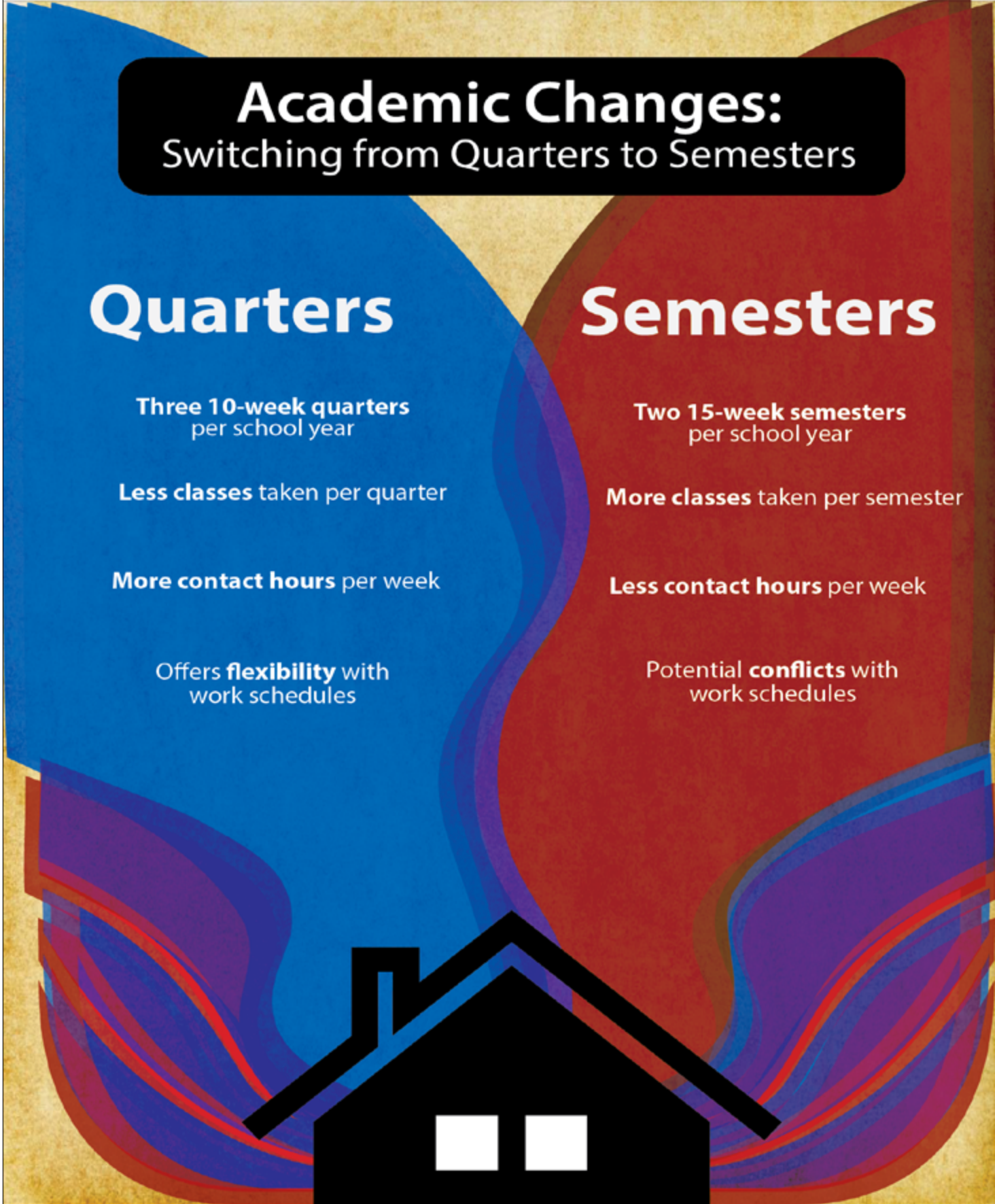
"If it ain't broke, don't fix it," Calkins said.

Faculty against the semester system based their presentations around departmental issues, the fact that there is no evidence showing which system is better and on previous attempts at a switch.

"I'm encouraging you to let it go away," Michael Folsom, a professor of geography, told the board.

According to Folsom, the past two times Eastern tried to make the switch, it failed and the topic just "went away."

Dr. Camille McNeely, associate professor of biology, is concerned that a switch to semesters would disrupt the



Graphic by Vania Tauvela

time students get to do field work interacting with organisms.

"My overwhelming concern is that we are here at the far northern portion of the United States and we have a long winter and yet for teaching biology, it's critically important that our students can

get outside and interact with organisms," Dr. McNeely said. "As it turns out, we can do that under our current schedule very well in the spring quarter."

She said that the semester system, in Washington's climate, would disrupt this interaction and therefore would

not work well with the biology department's curriculum.

A sense of relief and victory was in the air as the meeting wrapped up and faculty and students had the chance to mingle and complement each other on their presentations.

"I think it went well. I mean, I didn't expect unanimity

across the different segments, faculty [and] students," said President Dr. Rodolfo Arévalo. "I think though, [this meeting] gives the board a clear understanding of why people feel the way they do."

The board of trustees is expected to make their decision on Dec. 3.

## Board of trustees making semester decision next month

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On Nov. 8, 2013 the board of trustees conducted a meeting to discuss the possibility of switching Eastern's academic calendar from quarters to semesters with faculty, students and administration.

Faculty were represented by professor of anthropology, Julia Smith, who explained that faculty as a whole did not support the conversion to semesters. The issues she addressed were whether a quarter calendar or a semester calendar would be better for Eastern students, and whether changing from quarters to semesters is the best way for time and energy to be invested.

One of Smith's main points was that taking three to five years to change the calendar would take away from the quality of education. Teachers would have less time for students because they would be completely redoing their cur-

riculum while they were still teaching and meeting with students.

Smith noted that the quarter system provides more contact hours per week with students than a semester calendar, which is better for students, and the number of courses students take at one time is lower on a quarter system, allowing students to put more focus into those classes.

Smith also addressed a claim made by President Dr. Rodolfo Arévalo that semesters would improve retention and graduation rates, yet there is no data supporting that a switch to semesters would actually improve anything.

"The process would take three to five years and faculty would have to revise or reform 180 majors and minors and certificates and 4,955 courses," Smith said.

The ASEWU, represented by President D.J. Jigre, Vice President Frank Navarro, Director of Elections Samuel Adams and Legislative Liaison E.B. Vodde, also supported the current quarter system.

Adams presented the results of the online survey available to students, Oct. 29 through Nov. 6, which asked students about their preferences and thoughts on quarters or semesters.

The results showed that 86 percent of the students who took the survey felt informed and 14 percent did not feel informed. When asked whether they preferred a quarter system or a semester system, 80.75 percent of the students selected quarters and 10.79 percent selected semesters.

Preferences among students who took the survey said they enjoy taking more classes and like shorter 10-week classes in comparison to 15-week semesters. Students believe that the quarter system coincides with work schedules better and is less stressful.

"The students have spoken, and they do not want a change," Jigre said in closing.

The administration, represented by Dr. Arévalo, supports the conversion to semesters. They believe that

under-represented and low income students benefit the most from active learning and that semesters would provide the most active learning environment.

"A semester system provides first-time college-goers with a period of time to adjust to the rigors of college life," Arévalo said.

Chief Information Officer, Gary Pratt, interviewed 13 universities and institutions who have made the switch from quarters to semesters or are planning to in the next couple of years.

"Nine of the 13 used conversion to eliminate streamline or stagnate curriculum and seven of the 13 used it to revise general curriculum," said Pratt.

Some advantages of a semester system is that there would be fewer fee audits for the financial aid department and fewer registration cycles.

The decision of whether Eastern will be switching from a quarters to semesters will be made at the Dec. 3 board of trustees meeting.

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# Administation seeks change

## General education reform movement gains momentum against 20 - year - old system

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A movement to reform Eastern’s general education system has formed and is now gaining ground as input comes in and workshops are hosted.

General education classes, or GEGRs as Eastern students may know them as, are the classes students must take before they start their majors.

The goal of general education classes is to make sure graduates have a common base of knowledge based on the university’s core values.

Dr. Kevin Decker, associate dean of the college of arts, letters and education, has been on the forefront of this movement to reform Eastern’s general education system.

“The fact of the matter is that our current structure for general education is about 20 years old,” said Dr. Decker. “When we look at the best practices for [general education], the very first one that comes out is that it’s intentionally designed, it has faculty buy-in, it has high interest for students and it aligns with the institution’s goals and mission.”

According to Dr. Decker, Eastern has a “distribution list” general education system which makes it easy to get a new course in as long as it is well designed and fits somewhere in either humanities and fine arts, natural sciences or social sciences. This poses a problem because there are many departments which do not offer general education classes which potentially could, but have a hard time fitting classes into the current structure because they do not fit any list of requirements for general education, according to Dr. Decker.

Dr. Decker is interested in Portland State University’s integrative general education system. An integrative system means that the classes are cross-disciplinary meaning that the classes are combinations of other disciplines that can be related to each other.

Dr. Decker said that an example of this is Bob Dylan and the music industry which is a combination of music, finance and pop culture.

According to Portland State University’s <http://Psx.edu> in order to get a BA, a student must complete twelve credits in arts and letters, four credits in science/math, eight in social sciences and four in a foreign language

For students pursuing a BS, they must complete twelve credits in science, twelve in arts and letters/social science and four credits in college-level math/statistics.

Students take general education classes that pertain to the major they are pursuing.

Though Dr. Decker has his own ideas for general education reform, he said that this push takes the efforts of others as well.

“The [general education] reform effort is an across-the-campus, into Riverpoint, effort to gain information about what people think the current [general education] doesn’t do well and what a revised [general education] structure could do better,” said Dr. Decker.

According to Dr. Decker, the Dec. 3 board of trustees decision on whether or not EWU will stay on the quarter system could affect the general education reform movement.

“Personally, I prefer semesters,” said Dr. Decker.

Though this is his preference, Dr. Decker said the momentum for the work that the student success committee has put into general education and first year experiences for fresh-

men has been based on staying on the quarter system.

He thinks that, if the decision is made to switch to semesters, work on general education reform would come to a halt. This is due to the fact that switching to semesters would take more time and energy than it would to reform the general education system.

“[General education] reform requires at least two things, opportunity, which the change to semesters would not shut down, but it would also require motivation,” Dr. Decker said.

Dr. Julia Smith, president of the faculty committee, has a similar view

“In a perfect world, life changes over the decades and the general education system needs to be something that grows and changes too,” said Dr. Smith.

Student input is important for this movement, but Dr. Smith understands that students will want to omit the classes they do not want to take.

“We’ve had students address us at both of the forums [so far], and they have been fantastically insightful,” said Dr. Smith. “They’ve been very thoughtful, they’ve talked about what is good about the general education system but also pointed really important ways toward the issues with the general education system.”

Dr. Smith said that once an idea is fleshed out about how the general education system should look, actual requirements can be set. She compared these requirements to buckets.

“Our lists [of requirements] are the buckets and we’ll figure out what goes in the buckets,” said Dr. Smith. “I think as we start creating the buckets, we’ll have a lot of useful input from students.”

She feels that this will make it easier for students to say what classes should be in each list, or if a list doesn’t work, for students to say “that’s a stupid bucket.”

There will be one last workshop for anyone who wants to know more about the general education reform movement on Nov. 15 from 3-5 p.m. in the JFK auditorium.

# Stereotypes remain hot topic

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The Eastern Washington University Airsoft Club attends Spokane Airsoft Military Simulation events where players enact events where American Soldiers are against enemy or terrorist forces.

In the simulation on Nov. 9 players on one team took the role of U.S. Soldiers in Iraq, protecting election polling booths from local militia fighters who are trying to disrupt the public with car bombings and shootings, with other Iraqis fighting in the streets. The other team was dressed as Iraqi citizens causing havoc.

“They run drills, and Military tactics, and play games, always with airsoft guns though, never real guns,” Spokane Airsoft representative Thomas Peregoodoff said.

“If you are on the Iraqi team, you are dressed like an Iraqi and you have an AK. Whatever team you are on, you have to dress the part,” Peregoodoff explained.

Making Iraqi citizens the enemy in an airsoft game is similar to the racist comments and negativity that the nation responded with following the crowning of Nina

Davuluri as Miss America simply because of her Indian descent.

Those upset at Davuluri’s win believed that blonde, fair skinned, tattooed and gun-toting military veteran Miss Kansas Theresa Vail should have won because she was more “American.”

“The liberal Miss America judges won’t say this — but Miss Kansas lost because she actually represented American values,” a tweet from Fox News commentator Todd Starnes said.

“This is Miss America, not Miss Terrorist,” said another angry Twitter user.

Those opposed to the crowning of a woman of Indian descent on social media have referred to Miss America 2014 as Arab or even a member of Al-Qaeda. Davuluri was in fact born in America and therefore just as American as any of the other contestants.

According to Eastern’s Department Chair of Sociology Dr. Pui-Yan Lam, this is a milestone for Asian-Americans and the negative responses prove the struggle for equality is still prominent. Despite being a full American citizen, Davuluri is still seen by some as a foreigner because of her ethnicity.

“She is an All-American in many ways. Our

society is stuck with a very limited image of what an All-American woman should look like,” I am said.

This is not the first time ethnicity and citizenship confusion has had negative consequences. Lam said that there have been cases where Americans who are of Arab or Iraqi descent and those who wear turbans for religious purposes have been targeted victims of hate crimes, some resulting in death, because their attackers believed they were terrorists.

Through wars and other events in American history, certain racial groups resembling characteristics of those who were fighting against America at the time have been categorized as the enemy. After Pearl Harbor, Japanese-Americans who were born in America and had no affiliation with the attack, were seen as a threat, questioned and put into camps.

Lam said that even though the acknowledgement of a woman with Indian heritage as a true American is a great accomplishment for the Asian-American community, the backlash of negativity shows the struggles these citizens face, and how much more work has to be done to achieve full equality.

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# Baristas in bikinis serve public disdain

## Spokane City Council ordinance to limit exposed flesh

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A drafted ordinance for unlawful public exposure was proposed by Cary Driskell, city attorney, at the Spokane Valley City Council meeting on Nov. 9.

Over the past couple of months, lingerie espresso stands in Spokane have caused an uproar in the community regarding what baristas should be allowed to wear.

Spokane City Council voted 4-2 against an ordinance regulating the attire of lingerie baristas on Sept. 30, a little over a week after protesters gathered at Spokane's Triple X Espresso on E. Sprague Avenue.

Although the Sept. 30 ordinance was not put into effect, the on-going controversy has caused the Spokane Valley City Council to continue to address the situation.

"On Oct. 3, the council asked staff to provide options regarding people in nearly nude condition while in public," Driskell said at the Nov. 29 study session.

The council agreed on a consensus to place the unlawful public exposure ordinance on a future agenda at the first reading.

Some coffee stands, such as Triple X Espresso and Big Shots Espresso, allow their baristas to wear as little as pasties, a sticker-like material used to cover the nipple, on days like "Topless Tuesdays."

Corrisa Rose, a barista at Big Shots Espresso, said that they have not had any protests

and that Big Shots "is a little more on the classier side."

"We usually wear lingerie and on the girls' first day, we have them wear swimsuits," Rose said. She also said on some days they dress up for fun, for example, "as princesses."

The drafted ordinance states that it will be against the law "for anyone to knowingly expose a prohibited body part in public without full and opaque covering."

Full and opaque covering is explained as "material which is securely attached over or around the shoulders, neck or back and which is not transparent or translucent. Body paint, body dye, tattoos, liquid latex whether wet or dried or any similar substance applied to the skin surface shall not be considered opaque covering. Any substance which can be washed off the skin is not full and opaque covering."

Some of the exceptions to the unlawful public exposure ordinance are breast-feeding in public, businesses that involve medical procedures and nude children under the age of 10, according to the drafted ordinance.

Punishments for unlawful public exposure will result in misdemeanors per-violation and could include up to 90 days in jail and/or up to a \$1,000 fine, according to Driskell.

Mayor Tom Towey offered Driskell positive feedback regarding the proposed ordinance at the Nov. 29 meeting.

"Somebody once said value of a community is what they focus on, and I think we, as a council, recognized a problem,

and focused on this problem. I think you [Driskell] did a great job on it," Towey said.

Michaela Huck, an EWU student who works at a Starbucks in Spokane, said she does not think serving coffee in lingerie is necessarily right or wrong.

"As a female, I just wouldn't choose to be a lingerie barista nor would I choose to be their customer," Huck said. "I don't think that there needs to be a specific dress code, but I think there should be safety and hygienic standards that should be set and enforced."

Huck said that if the lingerie espresso stands were filled with men, people would respond differently. "I think more is expected of women in society. The kinds of exposure women have in lingerie coffee stands are seen to some as being unladylike. People have different stereotypes for women than they do for men."

While some Spokane parents are rather worried about their children being exposed to lingerie baristas, others like Danielle Brenner, a previous EWU student and mother of two young boys, said, "We have bigger things to worry about when raising our children."

"Kids are going to be more exposed in life to various sexual things and scenarios, a coffee stand won't be the reason. Lingerie is no different than a half naked woman by a pool or on the beach, and nobody complains about that," Brenner said. "As for those who go in the actual drive-thru, that's

their choice to expose the children to that atmosphere."

Although some lingerie espresso stands do not appear to have very strict dress codes, some require their baristas to wear more than others.

"Peek-A-Brew has a dress

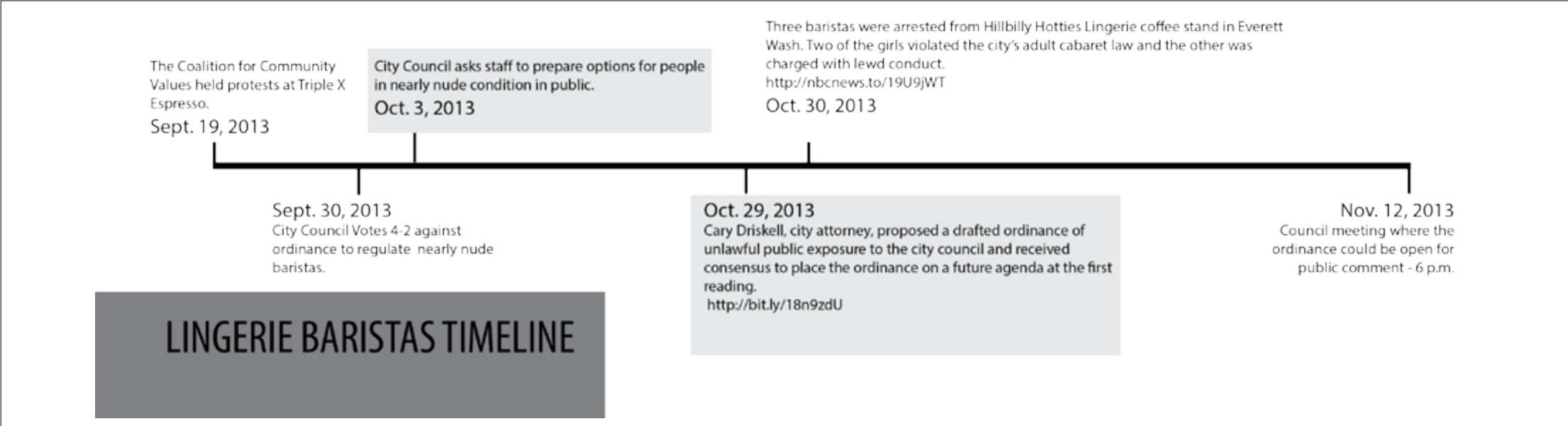
code of two bras at all times, two pairs of full butted panties at all times and full-length fishnets at all times. I explain to people that we wear more at work than at the pool, lake, or beach. I don't see anything wrong with what I do," said

Kendra Messenger, a barista at Yakima's Peek-A-Brew Espresso stand. "I just make people's coffee and that's it. It just so happens that I'm wearing less than the girls working at Starbucks, Cruise In or Dutch Bros."



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Bikini baristas serve coffee in as little as pasties, and on special holidays occasions, there are theme days.



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### Ender's: CONTINUED FROM FRONT

Out of the many brilliant kids sent to training in a far off space ship, Ender rises to the top whilst facing a multitude of serious, sometimes deadly challenges.

The book is known for taking on social issues like politics, bullying and the effects of stress on young people. It is also known for some shockingly violent scenes, where Ender is forced to defend himself not against aliens but rather his own peers.

"It is really just a sustained meditation on violence," Decker said. "The book portrays the monitoring of young children in the near future, for their potential as combat geniuses, as a passé thing that no one is interested in protesting — this is chilling, as are the various scenes in the book when Colonel Graff allows Ender to suffer violence to test him psychologically."

In his Introduction, Decker writes about the popularity of the book at a number of military training schools. "Their sympathy mainly has to do with the shared experience of training and combat and the resultant transformation of a person's entire worldview," he said.

Rob Mills, a senior geology major and avid sci-fi reader, last read "Ender's Game" when he was 14. "I remember quite a bit of it," he said. "The way the children were treated, the isolation, and then all of the training making it seem to be just a video game. That's the main thing that sticks with you most about that story," Mills said.

According to Decker "The ethics of training child soldiers and of genocide are, of course, two of the primary philosophical themes of the book."

"'Ender's Game' can't really be understood without putting it into the context of the Vietnam War and its destruction of a generation of

youth in both America and in Vietnam," Decker said.

The novel was originally published as a novella, also called "Ender's Game," in Analog Magazine in August of 1977. The fall of Saigon, marking the end of America's involvement in the Vietnam War, occurred on April 30, 1975, just 20 months prior.

"I think that the part near the end of the book actually refers to the 'silent majority' of Americans finding out about what actually happened in Vietnam," Decker said. "But I think that this message of the book won't have much of an impact today as we are inured to the constant state of war that the U.S. seems to be stuck in," he said.

Decker's new book is not the first time "Ender's Game" has made a splash in Cheney. In 2002 a group of EWU programming students, led by Bill Clark, professor of computer science, made a computer game environment based

on the Battle Room in "Ender's Game." Though never publicly available, the student project generated some publicity, even landing a feature story in the Spokesman-Review.

"The Battleroom game was created by a group of my students in a course on game design. It was built on the Quake2 game engine which had just been released in open source. The primary challenge was to simulate motion in zero-G including bouncing off walls and such. It came out pretty well for something done in just a few weeks by a group of four or five people," Clark said. "I had read the book, and re-read it right after they started. It really was perfect for their project — a relatively simple environment in which collisions didn't make objects stop but bounce off and continue in another direction."

Decker will be reading from "Who is Who?" at EWU on Nov. 22, noon to 1 p.m. in the JFK lobby.

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A student connects to the art on display at the “Please Do Not Touch” gallery. Art faculty have been working on the exhibit for months, and are showcasing random pieces of artwork.

# ‘Please Do Not Touch’ exhibit explores technological skew on art

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Since Oct. 24, the EWU art and design faculty have been showcasing an art gallery called “Please Do Not Touch.”

Art department lecturer Chris Tyllia has been the main contributor to the exhibit, and he does so with a twist. When students first walk into the exhibition they may be surprised by the exhibit’s informal presentation and unusual use of technology to portray the art.

Senior Nicholas Stewart said, “It looks last minute thrown together.”

However, it was not. The messiness of the exhibit and the fact that there is no actual artwork, was all done on purpose.

According to Tyllia, this exhibition is not of art, but rather “a collection of reproductions.” These reproductions are portrayed through many different technological devices that are used to show the art pieces,

and the idea is to show the disconnect between the exhibitor and the exhibits.

In the event flier it explains that for most people, their picture of the Mona Lisa is a picture they have either seen in a textbook, on TV or on the Internet. Very few people have actually seen it in person, and those who have only see the contorted image of it due to the many layers of glass protecting it.

“This exhibit tries to point out the disconnect between the artwork and the observer by drawing more attention to ‘the things we need to see these things,’” said Tyllia. He said that this means more technology is used to present the artwork and focus is taken away from the art itself. In reality that is what most people’s images of artwork are, images portrayed by technology.

According to art professor Nancy Hathaway, the goal of this exhibit is when people walk out it should, “stress the importance to

them of going to museums and galleries and seeing the actual artwork because it is a very different experience than seeing a picture of it, because a lot of times you don’t know what you are missing.”

When asked his feelings about this exhibition, Stewart said, “It is disheartening ... It loses all its meaning when it’s just a projection, when it’s just a print, when it’s just a slideshow, when it’s just a bunch of cords lying around as opposed to having the real thing. ... To me, I would rather see the transparency on the wall as opposed to it being projected.”

The point of this exhibition, according to Tyllia is, “When we look at something in a book, or when we look at something on a screen, we have to realize there is a disconnect between the actual thing and what we are looking at.”

The “Please Do Not Touch” exhibit will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., until Jan. 17.



Photo by Rebekah Frank

The art gallery displays “messy” art to evoke the message of disconnection.

# Speaker discusses aliens and atom bombs

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On Nov. 7, Eagle Entertainment challenged students with the possibility of UFOs visiting our planet with guest lecturer Robert Hastings.

Hastings is a noted researcher and has interviewed former and retired U.S. Air Force personnel regarding their experiences with nuclear weapons and related UFO incidents for 40 years. Based off his vast knowledge and research, Hastings has come to three main conclusions: Earth has been and is being visited by UFOs, they have a keen interest in our nuclear power plants and the government has known about this for

many decades, but has tried to keep it from the public.

Hastings’ lecture consisted of a history of UFO sightings with the first massive wave of sightings beginning in 1947, and information regarding the government’s secrecy in the matter.

According to Hastings, there have been UFOs sighted near nuclear weapons facilities. “People who guard missile sites or weapons storage areas are consistently reporting UFO activity at these sights,” Hastings said. The people reporting these sightings range from citizens living nearby, security officers on sight and other nuclear weapons personnel.

Hastings also mentioned the strange activities that

usually accompany the UFO sightings, “UFOs have hovered over our nuclear missiles and these missiles malfunctioned. ... They’ve hovered over nuclear weapons storage areas and sent down laser like beams onto the weapons storage areas.”

So is their curiosity and tampering with our nuclear weapons a threat? “My opinion is that they are trying to send a signal to the nuclear powers that having nuclear weapons is potentially suicidal. ... They can destroy human civilization,” said Hastings.

There were many documents about the sighted UFOs that Hastings included in his lecture. The question of

whether UFOs had actually visited Earth was not much of an issue. For some people, the question is who are they, where do they come from, what do they want, will they reveal themselves or do they mean us harm.

Hastings said, “In my view, whoever they are, intend open contact with humans at some point in the future. ... I don’t think we have to fear, whoever they are, what they are up to.”

If a UFO were to land on Earth and extraterrestrial life forms walked out, Hastings said, “This is concrete reality for me, ... I would not be as shocked as many people.”

While this may be a concrete reality for Hastings, it is not for EWU alumni James

Downard. “I am looking at what evidence is being presented and what other information may not have been presented,” said Downard.

When asked if he believed UFOs have visited Earth, Downard said that there were a lot of problems in regards to UFO sightings, loopholes and blank spots, for him to believe that UFOs have been on Earth.

EWU sophomore Larry Holmes had a similar view as Downard towards extraterrestrial life forms having visited our planet. “I’m a skeptic. ... Personally, I’d probably be one of the last people to say yes. ... It’s very hard to say yes when you haven’t had your own encounter,”

said Holmes.

If UFOs landed and extraterrestrial life forms walked out, Holmes said his first reaction would be fear, followed by complete intrigue.

The overseer of this event was Eagle Entertainment event coordinator Tyler Rochon.

Rochon’s opinion on the lecture was its ability to allow people to keep an open mind, and that is something, as an event coordinator, he tries to achieve for the student body.

“They will certainly challenge humanity’s world view, ... because the evidence is persuasive, ... we are being visited by multiple species from elsewhere,” said Hastings.



# Campus recreation climbs in options

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EWU campus boasts two recreational facilities. The URC has around 2,000 students visiting daily, but many students do not know the URC is not their only option for recreational activities on campus. Students also have access to the Phase.

Students pay a \$65 activity fee each quarter that goes toward paying for the URC facility. The URC has three levels and over 117,000 square feet of activity space. It offers a rock wall, fitness center and ice rink. EWU is the only university in Washington state with an ice rink and is one of few nationwide.

The ice rink offers open hockey, open skate and open figure skating times throughout the week. EWU hockey games are held at the rink and it is periodically rented to WSU, Gonzaga and University of Idaho. On Monday nights, students are also invited to join in a game of broomball. Broomball is a game of hockey on regular shoes instead of skates.

James Gwinn, manager of the URC, said, “Broomball gives students a chance to get on the ice without having to skate. We provide them with a helmet and stick, and it’s a lot of fun.”

The URC gym also offers personal training services. They currently have nine personal trainers on staff who of-

fer individual and small group sessions.

The Sports and Recreation Facilities, known as the Phase, offers an aquatic center, racquetball courts and a strength and conditioning center. While the Phase Building was the original fitness facility on campus, the majority of its users are in a club, intercollegiate sport or academic fitness class.

Kerry Pease, Assistant Director of EWU Sports and Recreation Center, said that there seems to be a rumor that the Phase is only for athletes. There are times when certain facilities are booked for different clubs and sports but any time the gyms are not booked they are open to students and even community members.

The pool in the Phase Building has lap and open swim times available free of charge to students. Some of the specialized classes they offer through the pool are kayaking and scuba diving.

The Phase also offers several racquetball courts and outdoor tennis courts. Students can check out racquetball, tennis, volleyball and basketball equipment from the Phase II equipment room.

For information on classes and facility availability, visit the URC and Sports and Recreation Center pages on the EWU website.



Yasser Mohammad tests for a foot hold, as he scales the rock climbing wall at the URC.

Photo by Sam Sargeant

## Loose-leaf textbooks unhinge savings upfront

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Some students are not excited about their loose-leaf textbooks, but the cost savings are hard to argue with.

Loose-leaf textbook use has noticeably increased this quarter, particularly in GEGR’s like math and foreign languages, as well as physics and economics. These unbound books save students big time at the register, often costing half of their bound counterparts.

These savings come with drawbacks, however, the biggest being the bookstore will not currently buy them back at the end of the quarter. Also, they do not rent them out, although this may happen in the future since textbook rental has been a huge factor in saving students cash. A banner in the bookstore claims the new program has saved students over \$1 million dollars since December 2010.

Patty Ambrosi, assistant director and textbook manager for the EWU Bookstore, said the real cost savings come upfront, and that students should realize that even though they cannot resell them, they are usually saving more with loose-leaf than they likely ever could recoup by selling them.

“Take for example the calculus book, the big white one, you use it for three quarters, if

you bought it new last year it was \$280, and a used copy was \$210,” Ambrosi said. “This year it is \$150 and it comes with WebAssign and all of that. So you’re saving over \$100,” she said.

Some students are quicker to point out drawbacks though, mainly the low durability for what is still a high sticker price.

“The cons are you can easily lose the pages,” said Joel Seier, a junior pre-med student. “I prefer real books, not those loose-leaf contraptions.”

Pages easily rip out of a three-ring binder, pages that easily become lost, pages you paid over \$100 for. Ironically, this drawback is the main reason the bookstore is hesitant to buy them back. According to Ambrosi, they would simply not have the time to physically check each and every book to ensure every page was there, and to shrink-wrap them as well.

Junior accounting major Sarah Nowak at first was hesitant about them. “I thought they were terrible at first because you can’t sell them back,” she said. “I like them now because you can separate the sections you need and only carry around a couple chapters at a time.”

“Textbooks are a captive market,” Ambrosi said, referring to the reasons textbooks, including loose-leaf textbooks,

are so expensive. Other contributing factors include compensating authors, editors, designers, printers and the increasing amounts of supplemental material like Webassign.net, DVDs or other online content bundled with the textbooks.

How often students end up utilizing such supplemental content is unclear. What is clear is that the high cost of textbooks continues to be a source of boundless spite throughout America.

A graph on the American Enterprise Institute’s blog shows an 812 percent rise in textbook prices since 1978. This dwarfs increases in tuition rates, medical services and the former housing bubble. It is now being referred to by some as “the textbook bubble,” with publishers being referred to as “the textbook cartel.”

No one — besides booksellers — denies the absurdity of an 812 percent increase, yet there seems to be nothing students can do about it. Loose-leaf textbooks, while imperfect, and still expensive, make a dent in the bubble.

Despite the lack of on-campus buy-back, students can resell textbooks on their own through sites like Amazon, Half.com, in person through Craigslist or campus bulletin board flyers. Smaller online retailers will often buy them as well.

## JFK Library hosts faculty book series

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The 2013 Library Book Series, sponsored by the Ronald E. McNair Scholar Program, highlights professors in the college of social behavioral science, social work and arts, letters and education, who published books from 2012-2013.

This is the second year of the book series and the first year that professors from the college of arts, letters and education have been able to participate.

Christina Torres García, director of the Ronald E. McNair Scholar Program, said, “When I have been working with faculty mentors, I have noticed that we have excellent individuals doing great work on campus. I wanted to create a space where we can celebrate the accomplishments of those faculty, and highlight the great work they are doing at Eastern.”

The series started on Nov. 6 with Majid Shirifi who discussed his book “Imagining Iran: The Tragedy of Subaltern Nationalism.” Shirifi is an assistant professor in government and international affairs. According to the book release flyer, Shirifi’s book explores the paradoxes of nation-

alism in the Middle East, specifically Iran. Shirifi started his talk on his book by explaining his choice of cover art.

“The [cover] picture is a telling picture for me that I found after I had written the book. It is a picture of a man symbolizing a nation and is going ‘Long live the nation,’ and he is blindfolded, not knowing what the nation is or where he’s going. He has been shot while he’s released from whatever he thought was his previous tyranny,” said Shirifi.

Shirifi goes on to explain that the image was created right after the Iranian Revolution of 1979 and really depicts how he felt after the revolution.

Shirifi also explained he is privileged to do what he loves and to have the opportunity to share his work with friends, colleagues and students.

The next book release will be Nov. 13 with Jessica Willis, a faculty member of the gender and women’s studies program. Willis will discuss her book “The Making of Modern Girlhood.”

Phil Watkins’s book “Gratitude and the Good Life: Toward a Psychology of Gratitude” will be presented on Nov. 15. Watkins has been a professor in the psychology

department since 1990 and is the associate editor of the “Journal for Positive Psychology.”

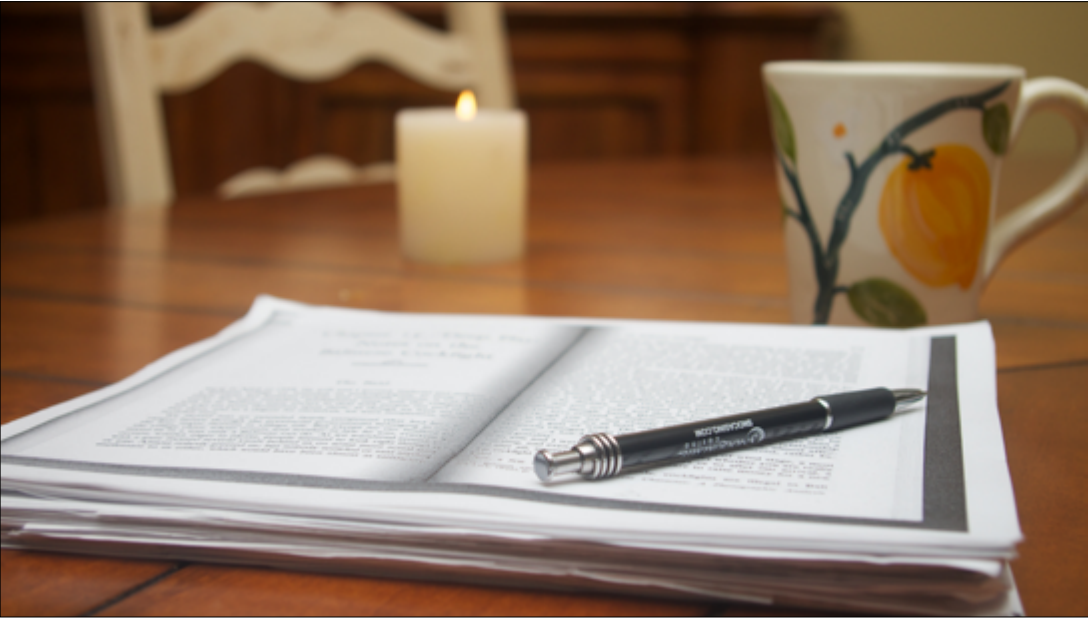
Watkins’s book focuses on his research in the science of gratitude, which he is considered one of the pioneers.

“I really began my work in the science of gratitude after hearing a couple of speakers in the mid-90s talk about what was lacking in the midst of our abundance in America at the time. It hit me that gratitude was the characteristic that we seemed to be missing,” said Watkins.

The book series will finish with Liping Zhu, a professor in the department of history, presenting his book “The Road to Chinese Exclusion: the Denver Riot, 1880 Election and Rise of the West” on Nov. 20 and Kevin Decker, an associate professor in the philosophy department, presenting his book “Who is Who: The Philosophy of Doctor Who” on Nov. 22.

Torres García explains she hopes to continue to see a good turnout at the book series and that it will say thank you to the presenters for the hard work and dedication in research, accomplishments and books.

For more information on these events, visit the JFK Library event page.



Loose-leaf textbooks have their upside and downsides functionality.

Photo Illustration by Sam Sargeant





## You may have a right to protest, but I have a right to my health

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Planned Parenthood and the controversy that often follows it is something that I have personally encountered many times in my life.

Many students may be familiar with Planned Parenthood, either through student awareness programs or health programs. According to the Planned Parenthood website, 1 in 5 American women have used Planned Parenthood for health care at least once in her life. Much of this health care is preventative and primary care.

One common misconception about Planned Parenthood clinics is that they exist purely for the purpose of providing medical assistance for those who find themselves in situations like unwanted pregnancy. This is something that I grew up hearing quite a bit, since I come from a religious background and attended a private Catholic school for nine years. It was never conveyed to me that Planned Parenthood offered other services other than catering to those who were looking to end unwanted pregnancies.

As I grew older and learned more about this company and their mission to provide many types of affordable care to lower-income areas, the issue surrounding abortion services became more of a gray area. Being raised in a conservative environment, I hold onto mixed feelings regarding abortions and other touchy subjects.

Many people are far more

outspoken in their beliefs, however, and choose to express these beliefs through protest. Protest, in and of itself, is not a violation of any person's rights. However, I feel that if a protest becomes aggressive and inhibits others' abilities to access a service, then perhaps something should be done to reach a compromise.

If a protest of a Planned Parenthood location is, in effect, scaring away those who are seeking medical attention or preventative care, then I believe it is counterproductive. The whole point of protesting Planned Parenthood in my experiences has been to stop the abortion of unwanted pregnancies. However, if by aggressively protesting locations with graphic images and harassing patients causes some to go without the care that would prevent such unwanted pregnancies, then the protest is only serving to continue the cycle.

Why can't those protesting do so in a way that remains civil and respectful of others' rights to receive medical care? By scaring away these potential patients, the protesters are creating the very problem they are attempting to end, and are creating a very self-harming image for themselves. I personally cannot take an aggressive protester seriously because they seem to be unable to respect other people's right to believe something different than them.

While protesting is considered a right that is given to all human beings, there seems to be a point at which protesting can encroach upon others' rights. It is important for students at EWU to be aware of controversial issues like those surrounding Planned Parenthood and to be able to form informed opinions about those issues.

If those students choose to protest, please consider the rights of others when you do so.



Schmitz



## Easterner Asks

How bad should road conditions have to be before Eastern closes campus?

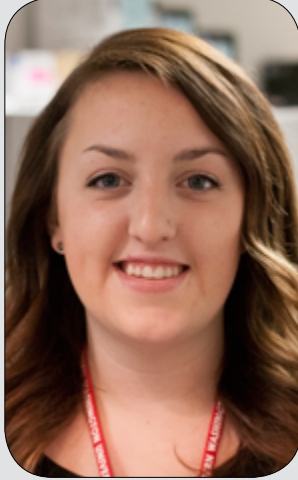
"When there is no way to get to class."

Hailey Hamilton



"When the roads are too dangerous to commute to campus."

Ashley McBride



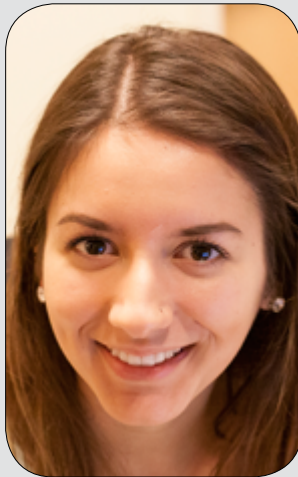
"If the roads are blocked, or buses aren't able to get up the hill to campus."

Ryan Malmoe



"When people are unable to drive in to campus, or sliding off the roads."

Shantall Garcia



Question for next week:

"What is a good tip for travel during the holiday season?"

## US identity altered by terror

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Renowned scientist and outspoken atheist Richard Dawkins took to Twitter after a jar of honey was confiscated from him at an airport saying, "Bin Laden has won, in airports of the world every day."

An overreaction some would say, but is he entirely wrong?

The United States has completely changed since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. The country has become increasingly paranoid, for good reason.

From the creation of the Department of Homeland Security to the expansion of the Transportation Security Administration, the United States government has gone out of its way to establish a sense of security in its citizens. Edward Snowden's whistleblowing against the National Security Agency's mass surveillance policies last year brought perhaps the most poignant point home to the average citizen. Through the use of the Patriot Act, such surveillance has been granted a vaguely defined legality.

The issue is a complicated one, and like all complicated issues the answer is never simple. There are constant security threats made against

the United States, which must be taken seriously should any of them prove legitimate. But are Americans willing to sacrifice personal freedom and integrity for security?

Internationally the United States is suffering as well. "Slowly, beginning even before the first Obama Administration, the fabric of international interactions has become patchy and weak, in large part through the U.S.'s own actions," Kristin Edquist, Director of the International Affairs Program at EWU said. "Perhaps the spying has enhanced the Obama Administration's domestic support, but in international relations, the U.S. suffers."

A Gallup poll conducted in September of 2011 revealed that 42 percent of Americans believe that neither the United States, nor the terrorists, are winning the war on terrorism.

This war is completely different than any war the United States has fought thus far. The battle against terrorism is not a fight against another country, but is instead a battle against an ideology. An idea is a particularly impossible thing to stop.

War forces a country to take inventory of who they are and what beliefs they stand for. The identity of the United States is in question both domesti-



Illustration by Jasmine Kemp

cally and internationally. The world is seeing a new America, a scared America.

"It's really not supposed to be OK to monitor behavior if a crime has not been committed. Among other things, that's what the Fourth Amendment's prohibition of unreasonable searches and seizures was designed to prohibit," Thomas Hawley, Chair of EWU's Government Department said. "The flip side of that argument, of course, concerns the effort to prevent a crime before it occurs, especially crimes of terrorism here in the U.S. I understand that argument,

but I'm not persuaded that violations of civil liberties and privacy are justified on that basis."

To see the context of the current political climate within the United States, it is important to note what exactly the intentions behind the Sept. 11 attacks were. Osama Bin Laden wanted to kill as many Americans as possible, yes. Beyond that, however, he intended to tear the country apart from within. The entire point behind terrorism is to instill fear and paranoia into citizens.

If that was the goal, then we are absolutely losing.

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Police Beat

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**Nov. 4  
7:10 p.m.  
Harassment**  
Students in a Pearce Hall room called the police after a man walked into their room and threatened to kill each of them. He turned to leave, and when the students asked where he was going, he replied, “To get help.” The police responded to the call and located the man within half an hour. They arrested him and put him on interim-suspension from school. The motivation for his murder threats are unknown at this time.

**Nov. 6  
6:18 p.m.  
Malicious Mischief**  
A hole the size of a BB gun shell was found in a window on the C Street side of the Kingston Building. This window will cost around \$1,000, and there are no suspects at this time.

**Nov. 7  
10:41 p.m.  
Trespassing**  
Police found a student on campus that had recently been placed on interim-suspension. He was located around midnight in the Cyber Cafe of the PUB. The student previously had five warrants for other arrests by police. He was booked into jail on six counts.

**Nov. 9  
9:42 a.m.  
Malicious mischief**  
Police reported two counts of graffiti on two different campus locations. Both read, “Boo” in spray paint. One was found on the

side of the Music Building and the other on a rock near parking lot nine.

**Nov. 9  
12:59 p.m.  
Intoxication**  
A man and his son were standing outside of Roos Field before the football game, and the man was using offensive language toward nearby police officers. The man and son were heavily intoxicated, with 0.17 and 0.195 blood-alcohol levels, respectively. Because the son was only 20, he was cited and released on minor in possession charges. His father was arrested for disorderly conduct, cited and released.

**Nov. 9  
4 p.m.  
Assault**  
An EWU female fan, wearing a football shaped mask, stood in the stadium and shouted congratulations to the fellow fans that passed her. One man walked by and punched the woman directly in the eye before continuing out through the gates. There are no suspects at this time.

**Nov. 9  
10:04 p.m.  
Burglary**  
University Police assisted the Cheney Police Department in apprehending a burglary suspect. The suspect was observed on the corner of Elm and Seventh St. He was arrested on Sixth St. under probable cause of residential burglary.

**Nov. 10  
12:15 a.m.  
Intoxication**  
Two men assisted a female student through Dressler Hall. She vomited



A man and his son were standing outside of Roos Field before the football game using offensive language toward nearby police officers.

into a waste basket and police discovered she had a blood-alcohol level of 0.16. All three individuals were referred to Student Rights and Responsibilities.

**Nov. 10  
2:30 a.m.  
Minor in possession**  
Due to vomiting and slurred speech, a male student in Dressler Hall appeared to be intoxicated. His blood-alcohol level was 0.137, and he was cited and released on minor in possession charges.

**Nov. 11  
12 p.m.  
Intoxication**  
A female student was attempting to enter LA Hall. Initially,

she was cited and released for public intoxication, but police transported her to the hospital after discovering her blood-alcohol level was quickly increasing.

**Nov. 11  
7 p.m.  
Theft**  
A student left her room on Nov. 8 and returned on Nov. 11 to find her iHome and some jewelry missing. Police estimated the stolen items to be worth around \$150. There are no suspects at this time.

Tip of the week

Police have around 200 USB drives in the Red Barn. Many students have come in asking for their lost USB drive, but many look almost exactly alike. Because of potential viruses and lack of time, police are unable to put the USB drives on their computers to verify content for identification purposes. For this reason, police suggest that students make identifying markings on their drives. This can be something as simple as carving in your name or the last four digits of your phone number.

Mad Libs

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If UFOs landed and extraterrestrial life forms walked out, Holmes said his first reaction would be \_\_\_\_\_, followed by complete \_\_\_\_\_.

Michaela Huck, an EWU student who works at \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, said she does not think serving \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ is necessarily right or wrong.

Have you ever wondered what it might be like to have the fate of the human race hovering on your horizon like an approaching \_\_\_\_\_ stuck on a \_\_\_\_\_ far from home? What if you were just a \_\_\_\_\_?

Some students are not excited about their \_\_\_\_\_, but the savings are hard to \_\_\_\_\_ with.

Eastern men’s \_\_\_\_\_ starts the season with an overwhelming win against \_\_\_\_\_, with a score of 87-58, on Nov. 10 at \_\_\_\_\_.

Those upset at Davuluri’s win believed that \_\_\_\_\_, fair skinned, tattooed and \_\_\_\_\_ toting military veteran Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Theresa Vail should have won because she was more “American.”

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Campus Spotlight:

Barefoot student on campus loves the obscure



Photo contributed by Dexter Calkins

Junior Dexter Calkins wears an ERG brain scanning mask.

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Junior Dexter Calkins shuts off his computer, phone, television and lights each night in favor of candle-lit rooms. Recently, Calkins has taken to avoiding artificial light, at least during the night hours. Not only has this improved his sleeping, it has also helped him communicate better with his friends. Calkins boasted a night full of UNO games and 10 hours of sleep on a near-regular basis. Calkins donned a grungy Kurt Cobain costume this Halloween, complete with a ketchup-stained bullet wound on his forehead. Other than dressing up for Halloween, Calkins listed his main hobbies as performing in theater productions, volunteering as a disc jockey, playing Dungeons and Dragons, learning Japanese, walking barefoot and attending raves. Many of Calkins’ hobbies began when he was in high school. “I was obsessed with raves in high school. Theater people love to dance and theater people are weird, so we’d just get together a bunch of weird people and have [raves] at my parent’s

house,” he said. More recently, Calkins performed as a disc jockey at Brown Elementary School’s Halloween party. He enlisted his sister and a friend to teach the children various dances, while he supplied the grooves. Despite his eccentricities, Calkins assures everyone that he also partakes in everyday activities. “I avoid the dishes, like everybody else. It took me two hours to do the dishes by hand in my apartment,” he said. “Dishwashers are the coolest things in the world, and most people don’t realize that.” When he is not sleeping, Calkins attempts walking barefoot as much as he can. He started this practice in high school after reading “Born to Run” by Christopher McDougall. This book details the Tarahumara Indians in Mexico, who were able to run for miles without foot injury because they always ran barefoot. “That also has to do with the culture of running. It feels good to be barefoot,” Calkins said. “I made barefoot shoes the other day. I had Converse and I cut out the bottom, and I cut out the toe.” After graduating from Eastern, Calkins hopes to teach philosophy. Philoso-

phy is his current major, and he volunteers with a high school philosophy club. “Ideally, that would be my absolute dream, to teach philosophy to high school students. That would be so cool because that would be like [the movie] ‘Dead Poet’s Society,’” he said. “I want to inspire children, or young adults.” One of Calkins’ more current goals, however, includes gathering more interest in hosting a showing of “The Rocky Horror Picture Show” on campus. Live productions of the show are known for their audience involvement, costumes and even water guns. “The Garland Theater has been doing Rocky Horror for quite a bit. They normally don’t [throw] toast, but I got decked in the head with like four pieces of toast,” Calkins said. Calkins was born and raised in Spokane and attended Western for a quarter before coming to Eastern. He admits that he has been involved in plenty of strange productions throughout his life. “I realize a lot of things that I do, including being barefoot, encourage people to stare at me, but I’m mature enough to realize that it’s my own fault that people are staring at me,” Calkins said.

Horoscopes

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**Aries**  
**March 21-April 19**  
Your coffee addiction isn’t going away anytime soon. But don’t worry, Starbucks will now make you a Harry Potter style butterbeer, so there’s one more reason to never quit this drug.

**Taurus**  
**April 20-May 20**  
Your big heart is grieving over the tragic events in the Philippines. Set aside some time and money to do what you can to help. The world needs people like you.

**Gemini**  
**May 21-June 20**  
As the twin sign, you feel pulled in two different directions. Since you can’t very well split yourself in half, try cloning yourself.

**Cancer**  
**June 21-July 22**  
It’s been months since you indulged in yourself. Take a bubble bath, watch a movie or do anything else you can think of. I won’t judge you.

**Leo**  
**July 23-Aug. 22**  
I know you like to have fun, but Thanksgiving is coming soon. Make sure to dispose of any unsatisfactory items that may be in your room before your elderly grandmother arrives.

**Virgo**  
**Aug. 23-Sept. 22**  
You’re down to your last saltine cracker and square of cheese. It’s time to admit you need to go grocery shopping.

**Libra**  
**Sept. 23-Oct. 22**  
Candy Crush has officially consumed your life. You look at street lights as though they are part of the game. Get a grip on reality by giving yourself an app quarantine.

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# Women’s basketball loses to Portland

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The Eagles paid the University of Portland a visit on Nov. 8, and ended up falling to the Pilots 68-65.

Straight out of the gate, the game was competitive. Portland scored first, but then senior center, Laura Hughes answered back by scoring to tie it up. Later on in the first half, the Eagles scored two 3-pointers to tie the score 14-14. Those 3-pointers came from junior guard Lexie Nelson and senior guard Aubrey Ashenfelter.

Freshmen guard Jade Redmon scored for the first time this season at the 9:34 mark in the first half. This cut the deficit to one point difference at 17-16. Portland then went on a short 5-1 run to make the score 22-18. At the 4:22 mark, the Eagles would make three free throws to lead 30-29 at the end of the first half.

In the second half, Hughes put down a jump shot pushing EWU’s lead to three. Nelson also contributed in the early moments of the second half with a 3-pointer to increase EWU’s lead by six. Portland then answered back by cutting the Eagle’s lead to just two. However, junior guard Kylie Huerta scored a 3-pointer to end the Portland comeback.

With eight minutes remaining in the game, sophomore guard Hayley Hodgins scored to give Eastern an eight point lead. Portland buckled down on the defensive end of the floor. Soon the Portland defense became offense and this turned into a 12-4 run for the Pilots.

This run cut the EWU lead to only one. Junior forward Melissa Williams answered back with a jump shot to keep Eastern’s head above water. After a timeout from the Eagles, Portland’s Kari Luttinen blocked Redmon’s shot with 50 seconds left in the game.

Portland then scored to lead 66-65. Portland then stole the ball on an EWU possession to win with a layup with three seconds remaining. Hughes had 17 points, shooting 7-of-12 from the field, and she made 3-of-4 from the free throw line.

Nelson had 15 points for the night, with 6-of-15 shooting. Hodgins had 14 points on 5-of-11 shooting, with four rebounds as well.

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# OPINION Eagles destined for playoffs

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If there were any doubts that Eastern was a legitimate national championship contender, they were squelched Nov. 9.



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Eastern hit on a number of big plays, cruising to a 54-29 trouncing of the fourth ranked Montana State Bobcats. The scary part is this team and this program keeps getting better and better. Season by season, game by game, play by play. This is an ascending team, and not just on the offensive side.

Defensively, the Eagles continued to show their second half prowess despite the injury report that grows by the week. Eastern lost their two starting safeties, junior Tevin McDonald, to a broken fibula, and senior Allen Brown, to a lingering hamstring injury. But this group has yet to blink.

All-American senior cornerback T.J. Lee III stepped in for Brown at free safety and sophomore Miles Weatheroy stepped

in at strong safety. The ripple effects were felt throughout the defensive backfield, as senior Bo Schuetzle stepped into Lee’s vacated corner spot opposite veteran cornerback Ronald Baines.

“The change was good. The coaches helped me. We were in the film room a lot and constantly talked [throughout the week]. All I had to do was go out there, do my assignment, communicate the calls and I let the guys know I’m [going to] be running it,” said Lee after the game. “Even if I make the wrong call, we’re going to have to roll with it and we’re going to stay as a team.”

That is exactly what they did. Going into halftime, the Eagles led by only one possession and having already given up 270 total yards of offense to the Bobcats, EWU had to go into the locker room and regroup.

“The response we had coming out of the locker room was pivotal,” said head coach Beau Baldwin. “It was a tight game at halftime. Our guys really weathered the storm in the first half. ”

The biggest adjustment came in the way they defended the run. After relenting 151 rushing yards to the Montana State trio, running backs Cody Kirk, Shawn Johnson and quarterback DeNarius McGhee, the Eagle defense only gave up 23 rushing yards after the intermission and only one touchdown.

That is impressive against anyone, more so against the fourth best team in the country

“We have a lot of depth on the defensive line. We always feel like we are going to be better late in games because of our [defensive line], because of our depth,” said Baldwin.

Offensively, I don’t think there is much more that can be said about this unit. It is not an exaggeration to say this group is doing everything right and could quite possibly be the best in the nation. Led, of course, by all-everything quarterback Vernon Adams, but the surrounding cast also deserves equal, if not more, admiration.

From the play calling, which was on another planet against the the Bobcats, to the deep and dangerous stable of backs and receivers Baldwin has collected over the past two seasons, the admiration is well-served. Even the offensive line that goes unnoticed, which is always a positive, deserves praise. This group is clicking.

“My [offensive line] and running backs. Cooper Kupp, Ashton Clark, Cory [Mitchell], Shaq [Hill]. All these guys. They’re making me look better than what I am,” said Adams. “They’re racking the ball in. It’s fun playing with these guys. They are really helping me out.”

This offense is peaking at

the right time as well. Junior punter Jake Miller never saw the field against the Bobcats as Eastern scored every time they touched the football. A perfect nine-for-nine, EWU was also able to run the ball for the second straight week, led by junior Quincy Forte, the Eagles racked up 244 rushing yards.

Big plays were a huge part of that. Montana State had six more first downs than the Eagles. EWU, on the other hand, was able to get chunks of yardage deep down the field. Eastern ran 48 plays, 27 of them went for 11 yards or more. Explosive efficiency like that is unheard of, but this team looks destined for things unheard of.

It can be argued that this team is better than the 2010 roster that won the national championship. They are certainly deeper and more explosive. The way this team rebounds from injuries is just one example.

This team is destined for greatness and players like Lee, who have been here throughout the process, know and appreciate just how big of a win this is.

“This win means everything for our organization, for our team, for our conference,” said Lee. “[This win is] for anybody that ever was an Eagle fan and knows how tough of a game this is.”



Photo by Laura Jones

Junior guard Drew Brandon slams down a basket against Pacific University.

# Men’s basketball dunks into season

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Eastern men’s basketball started the season with an overwhelming win against Pacific University, with a score of 87-58, on Nov.10 at Reese Court.

Shooting percentages were high during the game for the Eagles. With a 57 percent field goal percentage, a 73 percent free throw shooting percentage and a 30 percent average from behind the 3-point line, the Eastern men’s team shot the lights out.

Rebounds, assists and points off turnovers were also impressive. There were 38 total rebounds, 21 assists and 27 points off turnovers. There were also 54 points scored in the paint.

“It was a great start to the season. It has helped us establish our identity as a team. It is a game we should have won and did win. We shared the basketball. We played good defense,” head coach Jim Hayford said.

Eastern held Pacific to a 46 percent shooting average from the field

goal range and a 38 percent shooting average from behind the 3-point line.

“The season opener was good because we won. We wished we would have come out earlier and did some things defensively, but we fixed that in the second half,” assistant coach Shantay Leggins said.

Venky Jois had an impressive start to the season with a double-double that consisted of 22 points, 11 rebounds and five assists.

“It is always nice to come out and have a good game. It is reassuring to know that the coaches will have the confidence in you, as well as your teammates. Defensively there were some errors made, but offensively we looked pretty good,” Jois said.

Sophomore guard Tyler Harvey was also a stand out for the Eagles. Harvey had 13 points, five assists and three rebounds.

“I think it started solid. We started off the game and tried to get an early jump on them [Pacific]. I tried to find my teammates and it worked out for us in the end,” Harvey said.

Eastern men’s basketball will be traveling to Seattle to play the University of Washington Nov. 17.

# Sports Bulletin

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## November 7

The Eastern Washington women’s volleyball team continued to show improvement against visiting Northern Arizona on Nov. 7, pushing the Lumberjacks in each set before falling in three in a Big Sky counter at Reese Court. EWU falls to 8-18 (5-10 Big Sky) while NAU improves to 17-7 (11-4 BSC) with the win. Set scores for the match were: 20-25, 22-25, 24-26.

EWU soccer athletes Brianna Brannan and Cassie Black were named for College Sports Madness All-Big

Sky. Brannan was honored for the first team and Black was honored for the second team. Brannan was a presence on the EWU defense for four seasons. Black set the EWU all-time goals record this year.

## November 9

Senior Laura Hughes led the Eagles in double-figures with 17 points but the Eastern Washington women’s basketball team saw its lead evaporate due to a late charge from host Portland, falling 68-65, in its 2013-14 season opener on Nov. 8, at the Chiles Center.

The Eastern Washington women’s volleyball team recorded a school-

record of 16 service aces against visiting Southern Utah on Nov. 8, keeping the Thunderbirds out of the system for a majority of the night. En route to a four-set win at Reese court. The Eagles improve to 9-18 (6-10 Big Sky) with the win, while the Thunderbirds fall to 3-24 (2-14 BSC). Set scores for the match were: 25-14, 24-26, 25-11, 25-16.

With record-breaking quarterback Vernon Adams leading a perfect 8-of-8 scoring performance for the Eagles, the third-ranked Eastern Washington University football team took command of the Big Sky Conference race with a 54-29 victory over fourth-ranked Montana State Nov. 9, at sold-out Roos Field. It was the 500th victory in school history.

## November 10

Sophomore forward Venky Jois had a double-double and EWU’s other four starters scored in double figures to lead the Eagles to an 87-58 men’s basketball victory over Pacific University on Nov. 10, in the season opener for both teams at Reese Court.

McKenzie Murphy, a safety on last year’s Eastern Washington University football squad and a former player in the now-defunct Western Washington football program, applied for and was granted a waiver by the NCAA to play the remainder of the season for the Eagles. He was granted the waiver for personal circumstances that

were not within his control, and was given the ruling on Nov. 8. He will practice this week and is expected to travel to the Nov. 11 game at Cal Poly where he may play for the injury-ravaged Eagle secondary and on special teams.

## November 11

For directing a perfect 8-for-8 performance by the offense in third-ranked Eastern Washington University’s 54-29 victory over fifth-ranked Montana State, sophomore quarterback Vernon Adams has been selected by The Sports Network as its co-National Offensive Player of the Week.



# Volleyball digs toward the future



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Despite a tough loss to Northern Arizona University, the Eastern volleyball team still has a shot at the Big Sky tournament.

The Eagles have five games remaining in their season and are stuck in eighth place and need to find a way to the top six if they want to make the conference tournament Nov. 29-30.

These next five games coming up for the Eagles are big for them as they need to win at least four of them. They still need to play Southern Utah, Northern Colorado, Idaho State, Weber State and North Dakota, who are on top of the Big Sky.

This has not been an easy season for the Eagles as they faced a tough road schedule and a few injuries that derailed their season.

"This season has been a little bit up and down. We had some injuries, but I think we're getting better," said head volleyball coach



Photo by Karissa Berg

EWU women's volleyball unites before taking on Northern Arizona.

Wade Benson. "We probably have to win four matches minimum to go to the tournament but it's doable."

Benson's main focus for his team is simply getting better. "We are a work in progress," Benson added. "There are a lot of things to be changed, and as coaches, we're trying to get to what the players can bring to the table."

The team made progress from last year's record, with a new coaching staff as well. The Eagles have had players step-up to play their role on the team. Junior middle blocker, Talía Fermantez, has shown a great performance this year with a total of 139 kills and a total of 80 blocks thus far. "Our season so far has

been what we expected it to be, but development-wise, it has gone really well," said Fermantez.

Another stand-out is sophomore middle blocker Allison Doerpinghaus, who leads the team in blocking with a total of 97. Doerpinghaus also has 14 serving aces and continues to play hard until the last point.

"We are going to play until the last ball drops. We have two seniors and for them we are just going to finish it out as a team," Doerpinghaus said. "We still have three weeks to get better and three weeks to improve."

With the regular season coming to an end, the Eagles look to fight strong with three more home games and their last two on the road. This is a crucial point in the season, as they still hope to make it to the conference tournament.

"Volleyball is a crazy game," Doerpinghaus added. "We just got to play like we belong in the tournament because we are a good team."

## Upcoming games

### November 15

Cross-country competes in the NCAA West Regional Championships in Sacramento, Calif.

Women's volleyball battles Northern Colorado at 7 p.m. in Reese Court

### November 16

Football travels to California to take on Cal Poly University at 12:40 p.m. for conference play. Fans can watch the game on ROOT sports.

Women's basketball competes against Southern Methodist University at 1 p.m. in Reese Court

Women's volleyball contends with North Dakota at 6 p.m. in Reese Court

### November 17

The men's basketball travels to the University of Washington to challenge the Huskies at 5 p.m. The game will be televised by the Pac-12 Network.

### November 19

Men's basketball embarks to Walla Walla for some non-conference action at 6:05 p.m.

## EWU cross-country dashes to NCAA West Regionals

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At the Big Sky Conference Championships, the Eastern men's cross-country team placed fifth and the women placed seventh in their last meet before NCAA West Regionals in Sacramento, Calif., on Nov. 15.

"Both squads finished better than their preseason rankings, so they definitely progressed throughout the year," said head coach, Chris Zeller.

After placing ninth last season at the conference meet and seventh in the preseason ranking, the men proved their standing in the Big Sky placing fifth with an overall score of 137 finishing ahead of Idaho State, Montana, North Dakota, Portland State, Sacramento State and Northern Colorado.

"We had ran that course six weeks earlier and we had definitely improved a lot from that," said Zeller. "The guys were able to go in there and snake fifth place, which is certainly better than what they were ranked and the team knew they were capable of that."

Runner Chris Schroll led the men's team with a 14th place finish in the 8,000-meter course with a time of 25:20:38. Three eagles, including Schroll, finished in the top 20, a marketable improvement from last year for the men.

"I was excited that we placed a lot higher than what

we were ranked," Schroll said. "We had a few guys banged up, so we could have placed a lot higher, but I was glad what we were able to do."

While the guys placed fifth in conference, the women also did their job placing seventh in the Big Sky, which is a huge jump from finishing last in the meet a year ago.

In the Big Sky preseason rankings, the women were predicted to take 10th after their performance last year. Team captain Berenice Penaloza led the Eagles in the women's 5,000-meter course, just like she did a year ago as a redshirt freshman. This year, she finished 23rd and improved six spots from last year.

"Since we ran this course before this year, we had more of an advantage on other teams," said Penaloza. "It turned out good, but I honestly think we did okay. As a team, we wanted to do better, but being top seven, it's better than last year."

It is certainly a better outlook for this season for both teams, and unlike last season, both men and women will compete in the NCAA West Regional Championships on Nov. 15 in Sacramento, Calif.

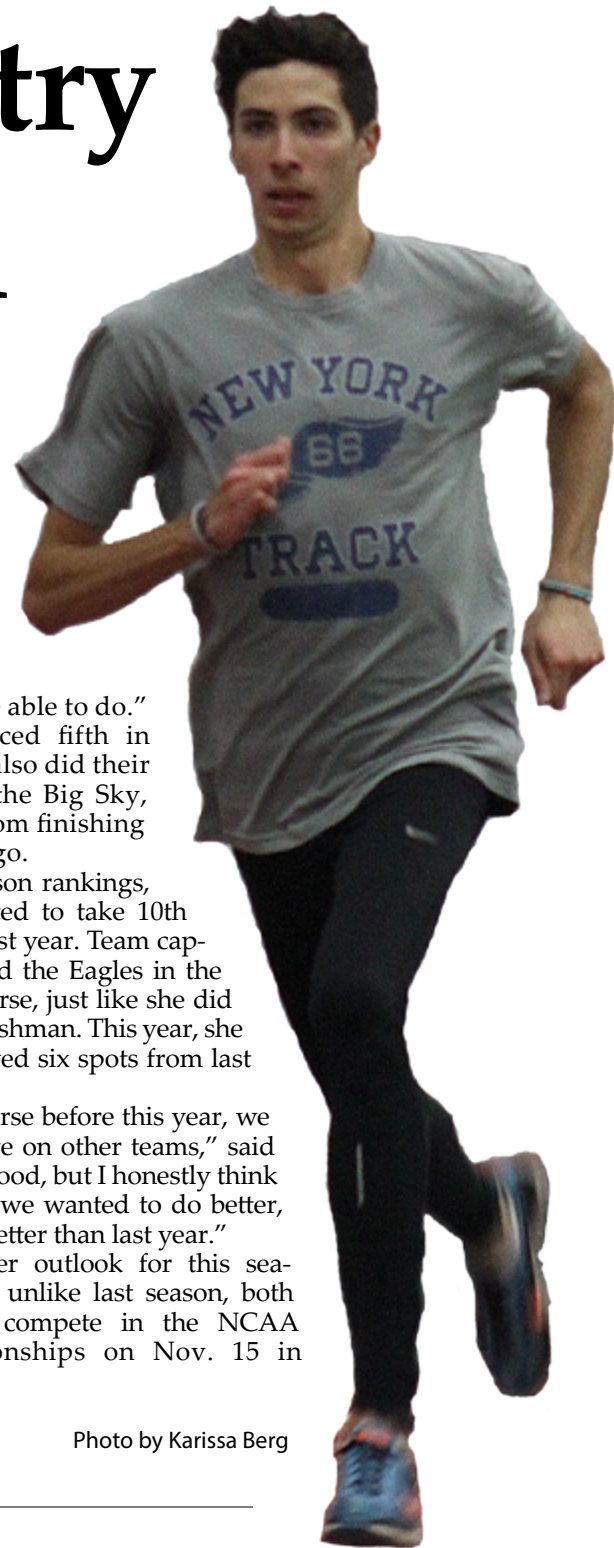


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## Young women's tennis desires champ status

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With spring season for women's tennis just around the corner, the lady Eagles are preparing to have a winning season.

With five new freshman, three sophomores and two juniors, the team is young. "This year, I have a very young team. I have five new athletes. I already see improvement in motivation. They want to be the best they can be on the tennis court," said head women's tennis coach Dustin Hinson, "there is desire to achieve great things."

Though the team is young, they have a few things that are working for them. "We have a combination of experience at the top of our lineup and young determination to be the best. Our top two players are

juniors. They have been there and can help the freshmen to be prepared to go out and get the win," Hinson said.

Chrissy Uriarte is one of those top junior players that is setting an example and leading the young freshmen women. "As an upperclassman, I set an example with my actions. I stay on top of the freshmen and make sure they are working and preparing for the season, both physically and mentally. I think we have a strong team this year," Uriarte said.

Moirá Hedberg is another one of the upperclassmen. "It feels so different to be an upperclassman, but it is really exciting to know

that I can help these girls move forward in their college tennis career. I think this year is going to a step forward from last year because everyone is ready to bring all that we have to the table," Hedberg said.

Conference play and championships are two things that are certainly on the minds of the coaching staff and athletes alike. Championships and playoffs are almost always a

goal. "Our ultimate goal is to make it to the conference tournament. I think our conference as a whole is getting better, which means we are going to have to continue to improve, as well as compete," Hinson said.

Though there are playoff and championship goals that Hinson wants to attain, there are also goals for the players individually that he wants to attain and these do not have anything to do with playoffs or championships. "I want each player to build more confidence in their playing abilities and to encourage one another to give it their all every time they step onto the court," Hinson said.

Officially, the women's tennis season will start back up again in January, with a match against USC Upstate in Eugene, Ore.

"There is desire to achieve great things."

Dustin Hinson



# Athletics receives new trainer

## New director to strengthen and condition athletes

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Eastern has found the right Eagle for the job.

EWU athletes will now be working with Dustyn Baethke on their conditioning and athletic performance. Baethke has spent three years as an assistant strength and conditioning coach at the University of Iowa. While at Iowa, he worked with football athletes.

He also graduated from Central College in Pella, Iowa and earned his Master's Degree at Boise State University in 2012. While he was at Boise State, he was employed as a graduate assistant where he worked with wrestling, football and the women's swimming and diving teams.

Baethke will mainly be focused on the EWU football team. However, he will work with other EWU sports as well. He is also a member of the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Association.

As part of this job, there are quite a few tasks Baethke must complete on a regular basis. "Most importantly, my job is to make sure that every athlete on this campus gets what they need as far as strength and conditioning goes," Baethke said. "Organizing my staff, organizing lift times, making sure the weight room is available for everybody."

Baethke also explains that another big part of his job here at Eastern is to make sure that strength and conditioning programs will get implemented for each sport with focus on nutrition. Baethke has been working on several tasks while he has been here for the first couple of weeks.

"Since I've been on campus, I'm observing the football guys right now. I'll design their programs starting in January," Baethke said. Baethke has also worked with the throwers on the track team. He will also be working with the women's soccer team soon.

Director of athletics, Bill Chaves, met Baethke during the hiring process of finding an assistant athletic director. Chaves was part of the search once the final candidates came in. "His background was, I think, kind of fit what we were looking for at Eastern," Chaves said.

According to Chaves, Baethke has a big school and a small school background. Baethke is from Iowa, where there are so many more strength and conditioning coaches for each department. "You have to be able to, at our level, handle multiple sports," Chaves said.

Senior Associate Athletic Director, Pamela Parks, said the coaching staff had positive thoughts about Baethke. "All of our coaching staff members that had a chance to meet with him [say that] he's got a good knowledge base. He's got a good personality to work with our student-athletes," Parks said.

Parks explained that head football coach Beau Baldwin gave a very positive comment on Baethke. "He wants a certain kind of style with his team; he doesn't want a task master. He wants somebody that inspires the players to want to be stronger, and so for [Baldwin], Dustyn [Baethke] was a great fit."

Parks explained how he is well-rounded when helping with different sports programs. "He's demanding but he's not harsh, and he works primarily directly with football, but he oversees all of the other aspects of the strength and conditioning program for all sports," Parks said.

Baethke is adjusting well here at Eastern and he is looking forward to multiple parts of his job. "I'm excited to get to know the administration, and start to develop those kind of communication links across campus to where we can kind of develop the most effective training environment for all athletes," Baethke said.

## Blackout:

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"It's a great feeling, and hard work has been paying off lately," Hill said. "Now we just need to practice hard these next two weeks and finish."

The running game was effective against the Bobcats, as junior running back Quincy Forte had 15 carries for a career-high of 123 yards and two touchdowns.

"The offensive line did a great job and we added a running game that I think surprised Montana State," said Baldwin.

Going into the second half, the Eagles played out aggressively, continuing to score on every possession they had the ball, along with the Eagle defense holding the Bobcats to one touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Senior cornerback T.J. Lee III made his first start as safety against the Bobcats due to a teammate injury, and led the Eagles with his career best of 14 tackles and an interception in the fourth quarter.

"We were able to make adjustments at the half and we were able to hold them to one score in the second half against a really good [Montana State] offense," said Baldwin. "I was proud of how we came out after halftime and finished on both sides of the ball and the will to go win it."

A win against Montana State nets Eastern its 500th win in school history and a big chance to win the Big Sky title. Eastern travels to their next opponent, Cal Poly, on Nov. 16 for another Big Sky showdown.

"We just have to stay the course, we're going to go play a really good Cal Poly team and it's a tough place to go play, they're nail biters away from being in this race too," said Baldwin. "But we just have to stay the course, it's great and it's a great position."



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Zachary Storm practices footwork before the game on Nov. 9.



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Larren Wright Jr. dodges the Montana State defense during the blackout game on Nov. 9.



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